

**Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Peter Jessop, Chair, in the Community Room at Amherst Police Station.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Sandra Anderson, John Gerber, Michael Jacques, Peter Jessop, Chair; Ellen Kosmer, Vince O'Connor, Vice Chair; Mary Streeter, Clerk; Stan Ziomek

**STAFF / OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Sonia Aldrich

**AGENDA**

- Assign movers and speakers to warrant articles
- Approve any Minutes from last meeting

Expressing condolences to her family and friends, Peter informed the committee of the recent death of committee member Gai Carpenter.

**Movers and Speakers for CPA Articles at 2011 Annual Town Meeting**

Peter has already appeared before the Finance and the Joint Capital Planning Committees and next week he will appear before the Select Board to answer any questions about the CPA recommendations. Sonia explained that Article 20 will have various sections of CPA recommended projects. The Open Space proposals will be a separate article or section because the purchase of land requires a two-thirds vote. Any of the individual proposals can be separated out for discussion and voting. Town Meeting starts on May 2.

**ARTICLE 20. Community Preservation Act (Community Preservation Act Committee)**

- A. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of **\$430,100**, for Community Preservation Act Purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Act Committee and that the following amounts (items 1 – 15) be appropriated or reserved from Community Preservation Act Funds as follows, and to authorize the Town to accept or convey property interests where applicable, as required under M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 12.

	Project	Amount	Vote	Mover	Speaker
<b>Affordable Housing Total - \$70,000</b>		<b>Mary Streeter</b> moves whole section.			
I move the Town to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fund Estimated Revenues a sum of <b>\$70,000</b> for Community Preservation Act Affordable Housing Purposes <b>Items 1-3</b> , in terms of the Article.					
<b>#1</b>	Habitat for Humanity 1 unit to be built on Belchertown Road	\$40,000	7-0	Mary	Peter or M.J. Adams
<b>#2</b>	Appraisal and Surveys	\$20,000	7-0	Mary	Mary
<b>#3</b>	Hawthorne House Feasibility Study	\$10,000	6-0-1 Vince abstained	Mary	Peter
<b>Historic Preservation Total - \$308,600</b>		<b>Mike Jacques</b> moves whole section.			
I move the Town to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fund Estimated Revenues a sum of <b>\$308,600</b> for Community Preservation Act Historic Preservation Purposes <b>Items 4-13</b> , in terms of the Article.					
<b>#4</b>	Consultant to oversee and complete 8 or more projects previously funded by CPA funds	\$20,000	4-3 Ellen, Vince, Mary voted No	Mike	Jim Wald
<b>#5</b>	Hawthorne House Feasibility Study	\$10,000	6-0-1 Vince abstained	Mike	Jim Wald
<b>#6</b>	Amherst Historical Society Structural and Feasibility Study	\$35,000	6-0-1 Mary abstained	Mike	Jim Wald or Hist Soc rep
<b>#7</b>	Hope Church Roof Rehab, Foundation and Drainage Work	\$45,000	7-0	Mike	Jim Wald or Hope Ch rep
<b>#8</b>	North Amherst Community Farm Repairs for stabilization of Large Barn, Structural Evaluation and Feasibility Study	\$15,000	6-0-1 John abstained to avoid appearance of conflict of interest	Mike	Pat Holland
	North Amherst Community Farm Structural Evaluation and Feasibility Study	\$10,000	5-0-2 John, Mary abstained	Mike	Pat Holland
<b>#9</b>	Jones Library Conservation of Historic Paintings	\$15,000	7-0	Mike	Sarah McKee
<b>#10</b>	North Amherst Library Foundation Restoration	\$10,000	7-0	Mike	Sarah McKee

#11	Jones Library Chimney Restoration	\$113,000	7-0	Mike	Sarah McKee
#12	Kimball House Historic Preservation 575 North East street (year 5 of 5)	\$25,600	7-0	Mike	Jim Wald
#13	Archival Material Conservation & Restoration: Town Clerk - Special Collections	\$10,000	7-0	Mike	Jim Wald
<b>Recreation Total - \$50,000</b>		<b>Vince O'Connor</b> moves this section. I move the Town to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fund Estimated Revenues a sum of <b>\$50,000</b> for Community Preservation Act Recreation Preservation Purposes <b>Item 14</b> , in terms of the Article.			
#14	Multi-use Bike Path Connecting UMass with North Amherst Feasibility Study	\$50,000	6-0-1 Mary abstained	Vince	Stan Ziomek
<b>Administrative Total - \$1,500</b>		<b>Mary Streeter</b> moves this section. I move the Town to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fund Estimated Revenues a sum of <b>\$1,500</b> for Community Preservation Act Administrative Purposes <b>Item 15</b> , in terms of the Article.			
#15	To Fund CPC Administrative Expenses.	\$1,500	7-0	Mary	Mary
<b>Undesignated CPA Reserve Total - \$200,000</b> (reverts back at end of year so has to be voted each year) <b>Vince O'Connor</b> moves this section. I move the Town to appropriate from Community Preservation Act Fund Balance a sum of <b>\$200,000</b> as a "Budgeted Reserve" for Community Preservation Act Purposes.					
B	To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$200,000 for a "Budgeted Reserve".	\$200,000	7-0	Vince	Vince
<b>Open Space Total - \$150,000</b>		<b>Mary Streeter</b> moves this section. I move in terms of Part C of the Article.			
C	To acquire 17 acres Stosz property, located north of Market Hill Road for conservation and passive recreation purposes	\$150,000	7-0	Mary	John Gerber

<b>Article 14 Debt Service – Sonia said this will be voted in the Operating Budget article.</b>					
	Hawthorne Property Debt Service (year 1 of 10, not permanently bonded yet)	\$65,008	7-0		
	Plum Brook Rec'l Fields Debt Service (year 7 of 10)	\$35,244	5-0-2 Vince, Mary abstained		
	Amherst Housing Authority Rehab of 22 units (year 1 of 10)	\$47,250	7-0		
	Town Hall Masonry Repairs (year 2 of 10)	\$28,350	6-0-1 Vince abstained		

B. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$200,000 for Community Preservation Act purposes recommended by the Community Preservation Act as a "Budgeted Reserve".

**Vince O'Connor** will move this and speak to this section.

C. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of Stosz property, etc.

**Mary Streeter** will move this section. **John Gerber** will speak to it.

## MINUTES

**Motion** by Stan, seconded by Mike to approve the minutes of **2/3/2011**

**VOTED** 6–0–2 (Sandra and Vince abstained because they were not present for the meeting)

**Motion** by Sandy, seconded by Stan to approve the minutes of **3/17/2011**

**VOTED** 7–0–1 (Mike abstained because he was not present for the meeting)

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Mary, to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Voted unanimously.

## NEXT MEETINGS

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm**. This meeting may not be needed.

## DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

- CPAC Agenda, 4/7/2011, 1 page
- "Community Preservation Act Committee Report to Annual Town Meeting April 2011 – Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2012", 12 pages
- Draft CPAC Minutes of **2/3/2011**, 3 pages
- Draft CPAC Minutes of **3/17/2011**, 4 pages

Respectfully submitted by Mary Streeter, Clerk  
Approved September 15, 2011